

Program Title: [Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program](#)
Amount of funding: \$2,709,678
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Purpose of the project: To improve the capacity and upgrade the preparedness of Massachusetts hospitals, emergency departments, and other associated health care entities to respond to bioterrorism. A regional approach is encouraged, as well as collaboration with neighboring states.

Phase I (20% of funding): Planning and development of needs assessment. Activities include:
\$541,936

- Convene a Hospital Bio-Preparedness Planning Committee
- Develop framework for needs assessment (which will determine capacity and unmet needs of hospital and EMS systems)
- Develop an action plan for implementation and addressing the relevant critical benchmarks

The following funds are restricted pending receipt and approval of work plan

Phase II (80% of funding): Implementation Phase. Activities include:
\$2,167,742

- Analysis of needs assessment, including timeline of measurable milestones
- Develop regional hospital plans that would accommodate at least 500 patients in an emergency (addressing issues such as hospital bed capacity, isolation and quarantine, overcrowding and diversion, security, and special needs)
- Address “first-priority issues,” including medications and vaccines, personal protection, quarantine and decontamination, and communication systems
- *At least 80% of Phase II funding (\$1,734,194) must be contracted to hospitals (and to the extent justified, collaborating entities)*

For more information please see <http://www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism.htm#Program>